



USDA TURKEY MARKET NEWS REPORT

ISSN 1522-0575

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 15, 2006
VOL. 53 NO. 150

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Poultry Programs

Market News and Analysis Branch

NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to weak. Demand was slow. Trading was very light. Fresh hens and toms movement was moderate to good on previously purchased product. Offerings of frozen hens and toms mixed. Parts and meats trading was slow to moderate. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were adequate.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums, balance slow. Demand was mixed. Offerings varied by commodity and processor.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 14, 2006**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME DEL. (000)	PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	70-72	70	70.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 15, 2006**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-72	72	72.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF DEC 15, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	73.45	84.17	84.33
CENTRAL REGION	70.00	86.26	86.00
WESTERN REGION	72.70**	77.60**	85.60**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	73.21	87.64	84.00
CENTRAL REGION	74.82	88.64	82.80**
WESTERN REGION	72.40**	76.70**	83.40**

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	112-121
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	112-121
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-100
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	94-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	94-102

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	120-135
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	120-135
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	120-135
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	120-135
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	120-135

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS-

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS,
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) **Week of 18-DEC-2006**

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE		
8-16 lbs.	96.80	1,390,488
16-24 lbs.	96.82	890,488
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED		
8-16 lbs.	—	120,000
16-24 lbs.	—	120,000
Total Volume:		2,520,976

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 09-DEC-06

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

	<u>---YOUNG TURKEYS---</u>			<u>OLD BANDED</u>	<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	<u>AVG LIVE WT</u>
	<u>THOUSAND HEAD</u>	<u>PCT CHG PW</u>	<u>AVG LIVE WT</u>			
North East	745	-5	24.13	(A)	745	24.13
South Atlantic	759	-8	33.71	(A)	759	33.71
North Central	2,155	4	32.53	(A)	2,155	32.53
South Central	858	40	18.05	(A)	858	18.05
West	347	4	22.83	(A)	347	22.83
U.S. total	4,864(B)	5	28.18	0	4,864	28.18

To-date

2006 224,403(B) 205 224,608

To-date

2005 218,004(B) 210 218,214

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 19,000; for the current year to date 1,334,000; for last year to date 1,206,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

November 463,450*
December 1 - 09, 2006 131,095*

To date 2006 5,020,475*
To date 2005 4,922,546*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 09-DEC-06

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	2,141	2,704	19	0	4,864
Avg Wt	15.50	38.22	27.76	0.00	28.18
Last week	1,937	2,645	33	1	4,616
Same wk yr ago	2,229	2,785	11	1	5,026
Avg Wt	15.94	37.91	27.77	40.84	28.14
To-date/2006	96,509	126,560	1,334	205	224,608
To-date/2005	90,180	126,618	1,206	210	218,214

**USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS,
POULTRY MARKET NEWS AND ANALYSIS OFFICES**

Washington, DC	Voice	(202)720-6911	Mike Sheats
	Fax	(202)720-2403	(Branch Chief)
Atlanta, GA	Voice	(404)562-5850	Johnny Freeman
	Fax	(404)562-5875	(Officer-In-Charge)
Jackson, MS	Voice	(601)965-4662	Gary Brown
	Fax	(601)359-1175	(Southern States Area Supervisor)
Des Moines, IA	Voice	(515)284-4471	Mary L. Adkins
	Fax	(515)284-4468	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(515)284-4545	
Long Beach, CA	Voice	(562)388-7337	Jim Derby
	Fax	(562)432-8295	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(213)534-1335	

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 14 DECEMBER 2006.

The market tone on tom full-cut wings was steady to fully steady, balance of tom bulk parts mostly steady. Demand on tom drums was mostly moderate, tom full-cut wings moderate to good, balance light. Offerings of tom drums short to adequate, tom full-cut wings short to light, balance of tom bulk parts mostly adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to barely steady. Demand light to instances moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey was steady at best. Demand slow for the mixed availability. Domestic trading was slow to moderate with fresh tom breast meat the most active. Export trading was active on tom drums, moderate on frozen thigh meat, balance slow. For export: hen drums 30 cents shipping point and 35 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	129.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	179.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	118.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	39.43	175
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	40.00		40.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	36.00	48
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	30.73	189
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	43.00	4
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	54.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	79.20	50
NECKS, TOM	31.00		31.00	40
NECKS, HEN		F	30.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	193.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	200.00		200.00	480
THIGH MEAT	94.00-95.00		94.67	120
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	95.00		95.00	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	77.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		M	80.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	171.80	200
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	177.00		177.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	77.00	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.33	84
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	18.00	88

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	37.50-40.00		38.16	696
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	32.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	49.25	416
TAILS		F	27.50	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	18.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	93.00-94.00		93.73	440

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 15 DECEMBER 2006.

The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was steady to barely steady, balance of white meat steady to instances weak. Demand on fresh tom breast meat mostly moderate and slowed as the week progressed. Demand on the balance of white meat seasonally light. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat light to fully adequate, mostly adequate. Offerings of frozen tom breast meat light with some starting to accumulate inventories for summer needs. Offerings on the balance of white meat light to ample and held with varied degrees of confidence. Firm priced trading slow to moderate. Open priced fresh tom drum trading moderate for January, 2007 export shipments. For domestic: frozen -20% MST -90 days age 10 shipping point for pet foods; tails 30; fresh scapula 81; Grade A non-basted rib breasts - 8-10 lb. 130, 10-12 lb. 175, 12-16 lb. 190, fresh young hen breast meat 185 cent delivered. For export: fresh tom drums 38, tom defatted gizzards 75 cents delivered early February, 2007.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					PRICE	(000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	129.00	120	129.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	179.00	20		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	115.00-120.00		116.00	50	116.00	50
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	40.00		40.00	31	39.69	326
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	39.00-41.00		40.00	120	38.65	400
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	36.00	48		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	32.00		32.00	141	31.27	330
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	43.00	4		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	52.00-53.00		52.06	85	52.68	125
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	79.20	50		
NECKS, TOM	30.00-31.00		30.05	84	30.37	174
NECKS, HEN	27.00		27.00	40	27.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	193.00	10		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	197.00-200.00		197.70	122	199.00	1042
THIGH MEAT		R	94.67	120	94.67	120
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	95.00-96.00		95.05	42	95.66	130
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	77.00	40		
SCAPULA MEAT	72.00-77.00		73.67	120	74.57	140
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	171.80	200	171.80	200
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	77.00	200	77.00	200
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	177.00-180.00		177.39	46	177.14	126
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00-18.00		16.22	45	16.22	45
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	16.00-19.00		17.53	253	17.72	421
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00		39.00	156	38.52	1052
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	32.00	40	32.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	49.25	416	49.25	416
TAILS		F	27.50	20		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	18.00	104	18.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	93.73	440	93.80	600

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.